



# Valley Primary School

GROWING AND LEARNING TOGETHER TO BE THE BEST WE CAN BE!  
ASPIRE...ENJOY...ACHIEVE...CHALLENGE !

## Summer Holiday Activities and Ideas.

### Year 1 and 2

#### Reading Ideas...

If you read for just 20 minutes a day, then you will learn more than 2 million words per year! Sharing stories with adults and your brothers and sisters, or reading alone each day has many benefits. Remember that books don't necessarily have to be school books; you can read a wide range of other things too – magazines, signs on television, labels on shopping, whatever you are interested in. Along with reading for pleasure, you could keep a diary or log of what you have been reading.

Listening to stories is also a brilliant way to share stories. Ask your adults at home to read you stories or make up stories to tell you.

Some ideas for reading activities are:

- Read a couple pages of your favourite book
- Oxford Owl Reading
- Reading VIPERS Question Stems
- Retell a story that means a lot to you to an adult at home
- Tell a story drawing and using pictures

#### Writing Ideas...

Some ideas for writing activities are:

- Describe your favourite character
- Write an adventure story
- Write about an object that you like
- Create a poster on your favourite animal
- Write a paragraph about what you have been up to in the school holidays
- Write a letter to your family or friend
- Write about a magic lamp you found in the woods
- Write a new ending on a book you have read today

### **Maths Ideas...**

Some ideas for Maths activities are:

- Create a counting board game
- Practise your 2 and 3 times tables
- Create a clock
- Make your own number line on the washing line
- Partition two digit numbers
- Add and subtract two digit numbers

### **Wider Curriculum Ideas...**

Some ideas for other activities you could try are:

- Think about what your talents and interests are... be creative with these – Can you write a sentence on what makes you happy?
- Set yourself a P.E. challenge – Can you create a sport? Or ride your bike
- Clean up litter
- Make an outdoor activity jar
- Make a boat to float down a stream
- Eat your dinner on your porch, deck or in your garden
- Draw your home
- Colour or draw your favourite country flag
- Eat 5 fruit and vegetables a day

### **Mental Health Focus Activities...**

- It is important that you also do a daily Mental Health activity to keep your brain active. Please visit our school website to get some ideas or practice your favourite mental health activity which you learnt this year.
- PSHE Diary – Keep a diary of your feelings during the summer holiday and activities you do. Always include the most positive thing that happened that day. Consider any hopes or targets for the next day. You can keep parts of this private and choose to share parts with your families or your teacher when you return.

### **Outdoor Learning Activities...**

- Have a picnic lunch in your garden or at the park
- Go on a bug hunt
- Star gaze, or look for shapes in clouds
- Play bug or leaf bingo

### **Website Links ...**

- Visit the Learning Zone on our school website to get links to recommended websites
- Log in to Times Tables Rock Stars to practice your Time Tables
- Log in to Charanga to practice your Music skills
- Log in to Real P.E. to practice your P.E. skills